

UGA Integrated Fruit and Vegetable Research

Proposed Recipient: University of Georgia's College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Address of Recipient: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Amount of Request: \$240,000

Explanation of Request

Purpose: To help develop vegetable cultivars resistant to *Phytophthora capsici* and *Fusarium* wilt in pepper and watermelon, respectively, and to improve post harvest handling to enhance shelf life and reduce post harvest losses in vegetables.

Why it is a good use of Taxpayer Funds: This project will improve our understanding of diseases and other post-harvest food safety and quality issues affecting fruits and vegetables.